

A few Bible passages that relate to God's Creation (from the New Revised Standard Version)

Genesis 1:9-12, 20-22, 24-31

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good....

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.... "

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
[NIV]

Genesis 9:9-10

“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.”

Leviticus 25:2-7, 23

Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a Sabbath for the LORD. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of complete rest for the land, a Sabbath for the LORD; you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. You may eat what the land yields during its Sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound laborers who live with you; for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food.

Numbers 35:34

You shall not defile the land in which you live, in which I also dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 10:14

To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. [NIV]

Deuteronomy 20:19

If you besiege a town for a long time, making war against it in order to take it, you must not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them. Although you may take food from them, you must not cut them down. Are trees in the field human beings that they should come under siege from you?

Job 12:7-10

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; / the birds of the air, and they will tell you; / ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; / and the fish of the sea will declare to you. / Who among all these does not know / that the hand of the LORD has done this? / In his hand is the life of every living thing / and the breath of every human being.

Job 38:4-7, 25-27

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? / Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! / Or who stretched the line upon it? / On what were its bases sunk, / or who laid its cornerstone / when the morning stars sang together / and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ...

“Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain, / and a way for the thunderbolt, / to bring rain on a land where no one lives, / on the desert, which is empty of human life, / to satisfy the waste and desolate land, / and to make the ground put forth grass?

Psalms 19:1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God; / and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. / Day to day pours forth speech, / and night to night declares knowledge. / There is no speech, nor are there words; / their voice is not heard; / yet their voice goes out through all the earth, / and their words to the end of the world.

Psalms 24:1-2

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, / the world, and those who live in it; / for he has founded it on the seas, / and established it on the rivers.

Psalms 65:9,12-13

You visit the earth and water it, / you greatly enrich it; / the river of God is full of water; / The pastures of the wilderness overflow, / the hills gird themselves with joy, / the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, / the valleys deck themselves with grain, / they shout and sing together for joy.

Psalms 96:11-12

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; / let the sea roar, and all that fills it; / let the field exult, and everything in it. / Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

Psalms 104:10-18

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; / they flow between the hills, / giving drink to every wild animal; / the wild asses quench their thirst. / By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; / they sing among the branches. / From your lofty abode you water the mountains; / the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. / You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, / and plants for people to use, / to bring forth food from the earth, / and wine to gladden the human heart, / oil to make the face shine, / and bread to strengthen the human heart. / The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, / the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. / In them the birds build their nests; / the stork has its home in the fir trees. / The high mountains are for the wild goats; / the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

Psalms 145:9-10,15-16

The LORD is good to all, / and his compassion is over all that he has made. / All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, / and all your faithful shall bless you....

The eyes of all look to you, / and you give them their food in due season. / You open your hand, / satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Psalms 148:7-10

Praise the LORD from the earth, / you sea monsters and all deeps, / fire and hail, snow and frost,
/ stormy wind fulfilling his command! / Mountains and hills, / fruit trees and all cedars! / Wild
animals and all cattle, / creeping things and flying birds!

Isaiah 24:4-5

The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; / the heavens languish
together with the earth. / The earth lies polluted / under its inhabitants; / for they have
transgressed laws, / violated the statutes, / broken the everlasting covenant.

Ezekiel 34:18-19

Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet
the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet?
And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled
with your feet?

Hosea 2:18

I will make for you a covenant on that day with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the
creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and
I will make you lie down in safety.

Hosea 4:3

Therefore the land mourns, / and all who live in it languish; / together with the wild animals /
and the birds of the air, / even the fish of the sea are perishing.

Matthew 6:26-29

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your
heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by
worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even
Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Romans 1:20

Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they
are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without
excuse;

Romans 8:19-21

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,
in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the
freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Colossians 1:15-16, 19-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Hebrews 1:2

but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.